

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 7, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 10/21/03)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** 2005-2010 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) gives localities the opportunity to state their priorities with respect to road construction projects in the Interstate, Primary, and Urban systems at a series of public hearings conducted throughout Virginia. The Commonwealth Transportation Board and VDOT use the input provided by localities to formulate the annual Six-Year Improvement Program.

This year, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has established a schedule that will allow comments to be received from localities and citizens well in advance of the time that the program is formulated and released for review. For the Hampton Roads area, the CTB will be conducting its public hearing on November 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton. Consistent with past practice, it will be appropriate for the County to attend that hearing to present its requests for consideration.

As the Board is aware, over the past several years significant reductions have been made in the funding available for transportation improvement projects and new procedures have been put in place to estimate the cost of projects. As a result of diminishing funding and escalating costs, the Commonwealth Transportation Board was forced to remove many projects from the Six-Year Plan. This provided a more realistic, although disappointing, picture of future transportation improvements. Nevertheless, the Six-Year Plan approved by the CTB in July 2003 represented a major success for the Board of Supervisors since it included an additional \$14 million for the Route 17 widening project between Wolftrap Road and Route 134 (bringing the total project allocation to \$31 million).

Of course, Route 17 is not the only Primary System need in York County. Therefore, I have prepared the attached proposed resolution to set out recommended improvement priorities for York County. I recommend its adoption so that it can be presented to the CTB at the November 6<sup>th</sup> public hearing. I have also attached a proposed position statement that could be used to supplement the resolution and which could serve as the outline for remarks to be delivered by the Chairman or another Board member at the November 6<sup>th</sup> public hearing. I will await the Board's decisions and direction.

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### Attachments

- Proposed Position Statement – 2005-2010 Project Requests and Priorities
- Proposed Resolution No. R03-174